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1. On 24 December 1951 a Chinese military conference was held at Hok'ou to make plans for activity in the Lao Kay sector of Indochina during the first half of 1952. The meeting was attended by one Soviet advisor and Chinese Communist representatives of the Mengtze, Kaiyuan and Lao Kay sectors.
2. The following decisions were made:
 - a. Chinese Communist troop and material aid to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) is to be increased. The number of troops stationed along the frontier is to be tripled and a number of Chinese Communist troops will be sent into Vietnam.¹
 - b. The mixed Chinese Communist-DRV forces of the Lien Quan Bien Canh (LQBC)² are to be reinforced by local recruitment. It will receive 40 percent of its equipment from the USSR and 60 percent from Chinese Communist troops in the Mengtze-Kaiyuan area. The latter will subsequently be reequipped by the USSR.
 - c. An independent military headquarters will be established in the near future. Military advisors will include 20 percent Soviets.³
 - d. The following 2 units will be sent immediately to reinforce the Lao Kay sector:
 - (1) The 74 Artillery Company, 18 Army, commanded by CHANG I-jen, will be transferred from Kaiyuan to Hok'ou.
 - (2) The 34 Anti-Aircraft Battalion, formerly at Mengtze, will go to the vicinity of Lao Kay.

1. ☐ Comment. It is not clear whether this border refers to the Yunnan border or to the entire China-Indochina border.

3. ☐ Comment. This is presumably the Lao Kay sector headquarters.

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